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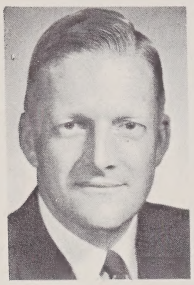
LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

I would like to talk about *leadership* in this column — the subtle ingredient that motivates good chapters and local committees and brings land saving projects to a successful conclusion.



Charles H. W. Foster
President

The subject was brought to mind by a recent announcement that after three years of effort, the 278-acre Wheaton Farm tract has been acquired by the town of Easton, Massachusetts. A local committee of the Conservancy, led by a handful of determined citizens, had persuaded the voters to approve a bond issue of $160,000, extracting matching fund commitments from the state's conservation agency, and had raised the sum of $36,000 from area citizens as a private contribution to the project — all in the face of seemingly endless adversity!

Happy Debtor

In Wisconsin, a recent chapter newsletter displayed this startling headline: "$35,000 Dollars in Debt and Liking It!" This unit of the Conservancy was embarking upon its fifteenth project — to save a remnant of the once abundant Chiwaukee "wet" prairie in Kenosha County, Wisconsin. Refreshingly, it considered its current financial predicament nothing more than a badge of distinction!

Road Blocked

Florida's Collier County Conservancy, already in the national spotlight for its successful efforts at Rookery Bay, recently persuaded the County Commission to delete a road construction program in the Ten Thousand Islands from the official master plan. Responsible arguments by the Conservancy, as well as public agencies, warned of possible irreparable consequences to the entire estuary if the total ecological efforts were not first carefully evaluated. After several professional witnesses had repeated this admonition, one official threw up his hands and said: "You've made your point with me long ago. I move to close the hearing."

Shoreline Saved

In Oregon, swift and responsible action by private citizens, acting as the Cascade Head Committee of the Conservancy, averted the loss of 1½ miles of scenic shoreline to commercial development. Civic and business leaders donated time, effort, and money — $50,000, in fact, in six short months — to bring about this extraordinary accomplishment.

Several themes thread their way through these case histories: the spark and imagination that foresaw the need to be met; the organizational abilities that probed for likely courses of action; and the responsible efforts that brought the end results about.

Action Program

Not all of us are privileged to possess the qualities of leadership. Few of us, however, are so myopic that we cannot recognize these qualities when we see them! If your organization appears to be languishing, this would be a good time to ask yourself the following questions:

1. Is my organization *really* doing all that should be done?
2. Does it have active and imaginative leadership?
3. Is there participation in depth from its membership?
4. Is the program responsible and informed?
5. Have I done my part lately?

Once the responses are all in the affirmative, we anticipate the honor of recording your accomplishments on these and subsequent pages!

CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, *President*

CONSERVANCY BLAZES NEW TRAILS TO HAWAII

MAUI PROJECT BRINGS WORLD-WIDE INTEREST

Now we're in Hawaii.

On one of the loveliest of its islands, Maui, rises the volcano Haleakala (House of the Sun).

Between sea and summit, there stretches an area unlimited in its variety of flora and fauna, of exotic species and rare living specimens, a 4000-acre valley such as no other place on earth could equal.

This is Nature Conservancy's Kipahulu Valley Project.

Just authorized, so newly under way that details are still skimpy, it has already aroused world-wide scientific and conservation interest.

Leading Hawaiian residents, noted philanthropists, ecologists and others concerned with protection of unique natural areas are uniting to preserve this exceptional area.

Virgin Forest

It has one of the best stands of virgin rain forest in Hawaii.

It is probably the only area left even in Hawaii that can still qualify as a virgin wilderness.

Kipahulu Valley

It has more than a hundred known waterfalls.

Stretching for eight miles from sea level to a cloud-capped 8500 feet, it is unmatched ecologically.

Botanically, the forest type changes with elevation and includes the Ohia Legua Forest above 4000 feet, and native koa between 2000 and 4000 feet. Open pastures, guava and bamboo forest are found below the 200 foot elevation.

The coast portion consists of black lava graced by varieties of ginger, kukui, breadfruit, mango and monkey pod. The beach includes naupaka, false kamani and pandanus.

One of the numerous waterfalls

Rare Birds

The bird life has been described by two separate National Park Service teams, the only known men to have gone from the top to the sea. Included were iiwi, apapane, amakihi, Maui creepers and others.

About 20 species of birds once found in Hawaii are now believed to be extinct and it is probable that some of those now believed to be extinct will be found there.

Geological features include the volcanic substratum and the eroded valley itself surrounded by tall cliffs, two benches of different elevations comprising the valley floor, the central cliff, tributary canyons, numerous streams and waterfalls and deep gorges. The rain forest at the top is believed to receive up to 400 inches per year.

Lost Villages

The easily accessible lower area is important archeologically. It is believed that it once contained a thriving native culture of thousands of inhabitants. None lives there now. However, the ancient views of their dwelling sites, taro patches and walls remain.

Sea view at Kipahulu

Recreationally, the area is easily reached from below 2000 feet, and contains excellent facilities. The famous Seven Sacred Pools are included.

The Nature Conservancy must raise $550,000 to assure the permanent protection of the area. All donations are tax deductible.

Cover Picture

Shows Upper Seven Pools, Kipahulu Valley, one of the many outstanding features of The Nature Conservancy's first Hawaiian project.

MIMA MOUNDS DEDICATED

Olympia, Washington — The Nature Conservancy's Mima Mounds project was dedicated here in the office of Governor Daniel J. Evans on March 20. Governor Evans presented to Dr. Richard H. Goodwin, representing the Conservancy, a plaque to be placed on the Mounds as an indication that they have been designated as a Natural Landmark.

The Mounds represent an unusual physical formation, for which a number of scientific theories have been advanced. They are still the subject of considerable study, and are now under the protection of the Conservancy.

ROOKERY BAY AD

With this issue we enclose a reprint of Sinclair Oil Corporation's advertisement telling the story of Rookery Bay Sanctuary in Naples, Florida.

The Nature Conservancy helped Mr. Charles J. Draper and others in Naples to set up the Collier County Conservancy, which is still at work raising funds to enlarge the project.

FREE! FREE! FREE!

Tax advantages to individuals for gifts of land to The Nature Conservancy are explained in a pamphlet now available, without charge, from our national office. It covers in non-technical language the deductions of various kinds that are possible when land or other property is given to The Nature Conservancy.

PACKED PROGRAM MARKS SEPTEMBER ANNUAL MEETING

TOURS OF NORTHWEST AND CARMEL-MONTEREY PLANNED

The 18th Annual Meeting of The Nature Conservancy will be held in San Francisco, California, on September 8, 9, and 10. All members and their conservationist friends are invited to attend.

A week's pre-meeting tour of the Pacific Northwest and a two-day post meeting tour of the Monterey area will highlight the West Coast's beauty and TNC's growing role in the protection of it.

The lodging and indoor meeting will be at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, Market and New Montgomery Streets, in the heart of town.

The meeting itself will feature field trips to dedicate four new projects within an hour of San Francisco. These will include a seacoast wildflower preserve, a large stand of rare Bishop pine near Point Reyes, and a remnant prairie-savanna parcel amid the famous vineyards of the Napa Valley.

Land Ethic

On the indoor program panel, discussions will explore The Nature Conservancy philosophy of land and water conservation in esthetics, scientific research, open space values and endangered species problems. Speeches by major conservationists are scheduled, and members will have an opportunity to illustrate and discuss problems and progress of the past year.

Field trips will be by modern chartered bus and will include experienced naturalists as guides. Overnight accommodations and meals, where necessary, will be arranged in advance.

Northwest

Field Trip No. 1 — The Northwest: The tentative plan is to have TNC members meet at Seattle International Airport on September 3. From there the bus will begin a four-day trip under the guidance of Dr. George Hudson and Mr. Thornton Thomas, both of whom are chapter chairmen, to Conservancy projects in Puget Sound, Yakima, the Columbus River Gorge, the Oregon Coast and Portland region. The tour will end at Portland airport, with passage to San Francisco on the 7th by commercial plane. Transportation costs of the trip will be approximately $80.00. Room and meals will be approximately $90.00, for a total of $170.00 for the trip. The trip will be limited to about 38 people. Trip reservations may be secured by a deposit of $25.00 sent to the address below.

Monterey

Field Trip No. 2 — Monterey — Big Sur area: The tour to Monterey will leave the morning of the 11th and return to San Francisco Airport the evening of the 13th. The tour guides will be Mr. and Mrs. Philip W. Kearney, both of whom are ardent naturalists and conservationists. Areas to be visited include the 9700-acre Forest of Nisene Marks at Santa Cruz and the Frances Molera Preserve at Big Sur. Many other points of interest, including state parks and unusual scenic areas, will be seen as well. Trip reservations may be secured by a deposit of $25.00 sent to the address below.

Coast Range

Field Trip No. 3 — The Northern California Coast Range Preserve: A second post-meeting trip will be to the 7000-acre Northern California Coast Range Preserve, our prized wilderness watershed, located four hours north of San Francisco. This will be a two-day

tour leaving the morning of the 11th and returning the evening of the 12th. This trip will be taken in private cars.

For information concerning these three trips write to: The Nature Conservancy — Annual Meeting Tours, P. O. Box 534, Mill Valley, California 94941.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

This year we celebrate our first half-century of operation. It was in 1917 that the Ecological Society of America first organized a committee to acquire natural areas. Out of this developed The Nature Conservancy, incorporated in Washington, D. C. on October 22, 1951.

HERE ARE OUR NEWEST PROJECTS

In three months since February 15 of this year, the Conservancy has acquired, assisted with, bought or leased, the following new projects:

GLACIER BAY NATIONAL MONUMENT, ALASKA

This is our first project in Alaska. Our Western Regional Office and Urban C. Nelson, one of our new Scaife associates, negotiated the purchase of an important inholding of 20 acres for eventual transfer to the National Park Service. The acquisition of three additional inholdings of 119 acres is planned. The Monument, expected to be reclassified to national park status in the near future, is a mountainous area of fiords and glaciers in southeastern Alaska, with abundant wildlife.

BOLINAS LAGOON, CALIFORNIA

See story elsewhere in this issue.

LYMAN MEMORIAL BUCKEYE GROVE, CALIFORNIA

A tract of unplowed grassland with an unusual grove of California Buckeye, located in Napa County, was brought under preservation through a gift of 2.2 acres from Mr. W. W. Lyman. Contact: Mr. W. W. Lyman, Route 1, Box 465, St. Helena, California 94574.

ONSLOW-FORD PRESERVE, CALIFORNIA

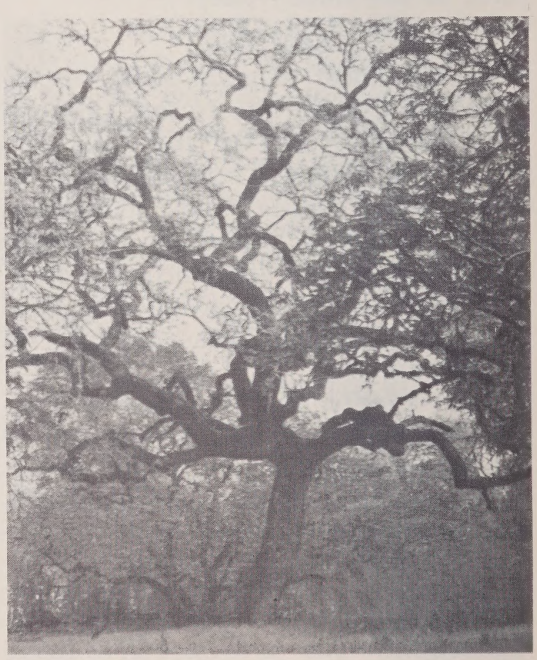
The donors, for whom this preserve is named, are artists who purchased this land for its inspirational beauty. The 193 acres are in a heavily-forested watershed near Point Reyes National Seashore and contain some rare stands of Bishop pine. Contact: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Onslow-Ford, Inverness, California 94937.

LOWER SHINGLE MILL POND, CONNECTICUT

An advance acquisition project for Connecticut State Parks, this 55 acres of wild land is adjacent to Nehantic State Forest.

PATTAGANSETT MARSHES, CONNECTICUT

The Nature Conservancy has acquired 6.5 acres of salt marshes and islands in the estuary of the Pattagansett River through the Connecticut Chapter. Contact: Mr. Alexander D. Harvey, 133 East 64th Street, New York, New York 10021.



Lyman Preserve — California

BARTLETT WOODS, ILLINOIS

A gift of Mr. and Mrs. Watson P. Bartlett, here are 22 acres containing samples of red oak, burr oak, hard maple, together with a showing of "Orchis spectabilis." Contact: Mr. Watson P. Bartlett, 1233 Monroe Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342.

THORNHILL FARM, INDIANA

John Humke, of our Midwestern Regional office, negotiated the preservation of this 77 acres in Huntington County, owned and used by Huntington College for research and biological field study. The Conservancy guaranteed the bank loan that secured the project and holds a reverter on the property.

AUGUSTA NATURE CLUB, MAINE

This 17-acre tract in Kennebec County was an anonymous donation. The Conservancy conveyed the property to the Augusta Nature Club with a reverter. The acreage is largely mixed hardwoods and evergreens.

HARKNESS GRANT, MAINE

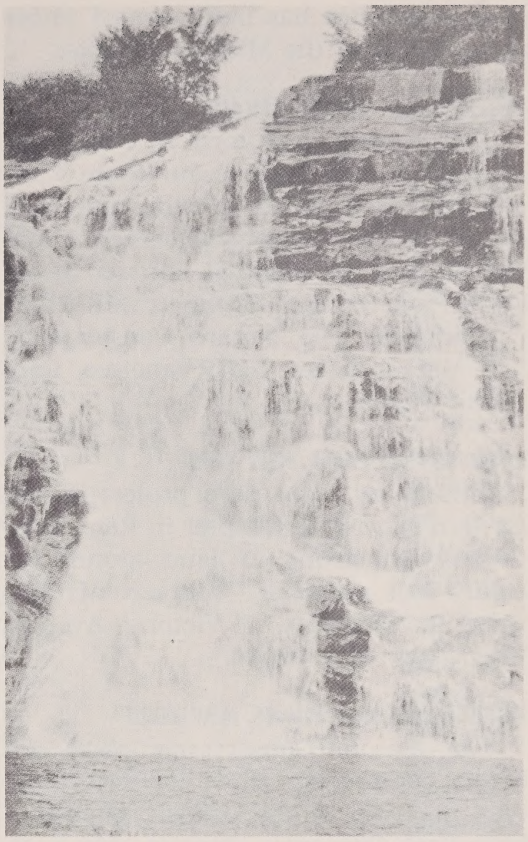
Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose C. Cramer donated this 5.5 acres of old-growth oak, beech, hemlock, and white pine in Knox County. Contact: Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose C. Cramer, Sea Street, Rockport, Maine 04856.

SMITH ISLAND, MAINE

This 8-acre open island in Penobscot Bay has a variety of nesting sea birds. It is a gift of Dr. and Mrs. Austin Lamont, 229 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106.

WHEATON FARM, MASSACHUSETTS

For details see President Foster's report in this issue. This area is well suited for nature study and outdoor recreation, containing a spring-fed brook, a small pond, a considerable area of woods, and a 1500-foot frontage on a cranberry reservoir.



Barbersville Falls, N. Y.

DEES AZALEA & WILDFLOWER PRESERVE, MISSOURI

Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Silas G. Dees, these five acres of hardwood forest in St. Francois County include an unusual stand of azaleas. Contact: Mr. Spencer Jones, Box 562, Salem, Missouri 65560.

PLEASANT VALLEY CAVE, MISSOURI

This suburban St. Louis cave is of geological and biological interest. It is surrounded by a woodland representing various types and stages of ecological succession, ideal for nature study. The area had been slated for development, the plans calling for the sealing off of the cave entirely. Forty acres have been purchased, with an addition planned. A

local committee has been formed under the auspices of the Missouri Chapter.

BERLIN GHOST TOWN, NEVADA

This mining ghost town of 300 acres, adjacent to the Ichthyosaur State Paleontologic Monument, is under purchase option by The Nature Conservancy and will be held for eventual transfer to the State Park System. Contact: Mr. Huey D. Johnson, The Nature Conservancy, 215 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105.

BARBERSVILLE FALLS, NEW YORK

This is an eight acre project of the Eastern New York Chapter in Rensselaer County, consisting of land around an eighty foot waterfall. Contact: Mr. Edward B. Clements, 1 Victoria Avenue, Troy, New York 12180.

HARBOR HILL SANCTUARY, NEW YORK

The Nature Conservancy owns 4.4 acres comprising this demonstration-type preserve in the densely populated New York City area. Contact: Mr. S. C. Yeaton, 36-14 203 Street, Bayside, Long Island, New York 11361.

MOCCASIN KILL PRESERVE, NEW YORK

A gift of Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Specht, this property covers 50 acres of second-growth mixed hardwoods and conifers at Moccasin Kill, Schenectady County. Contact: Dr. Robert Reinow, Hollyhock Hollow Farm, R.D. 2, Selkirk, New York 12158.

FREEDLUND TRACT, NORTH CAROLINA

This 88.75 acres of Macon County forested inholding in the Nantahala National Forest is owned by The Nature Conservancy. Contact: Mr. Peter J. Hanlon, Forest Service, P. O. Box 731, Asheville, North Carolina 22802.

FRASER PRESERVE, VIRGINIA

Several miles north of Great Falls on the Potomac, this 219.7-acre area in Fairfax County is partly forested in red maple, poplar, and red and white oak. Other sections are completely open. Mrs. Bernice G. Fraser, following recommendations by the National Audubon Society, is donating the tract in twenty yearly installments. Contact: Mrs. Bernice G. Fraser, 2937 University Terrace, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20016.

TWO CREEKS SITE, WISCONSIN

Important for the study of glacial history, the twelve-acre Two Creeks Site in Manitowoc County boasts a preserved buried spruce forest. It is expected to form the nucleus of a State or National Ice Age Park. Contact: Mr. John Humke, The Nature Conservancy, 1900 Dempster Street, Evanston, Illinois 60204.

NEW SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HEAD

Al Ryan was elected chairman of the Southern California Chapter of The Nature Conservancy at a meeting held on May 20. He succeeds John Tyler.

ADDENDA

FIVE FINGERS POINT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, listed in our Spring issue as "bought by friends of the University of New Hampshire" was a gift of Mr. C. C. Morris to the University.

An additional gift of 20 acres by Miss Jacqueline B. May brings the total area of RABBIT RUN WOODS, MINNESOTA, to 55 acres.

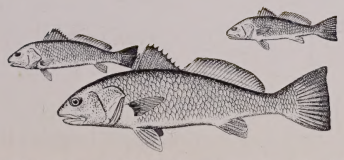
CLIFTON GORGE (JOHN L. RICH PRESERVE) is located near Antioch College. The original eight acres of land were transferred by the Conservancy to the Dayton Museum of Natural History.

KEENE GETS NUBANUSIT

A 400-acre tract of land on Lake Nubanusit in Nelson and Hancock has been turned over to Keene State College for use as a nature preserve by The Nature Conservancy of New Hampshire.

The gift is the biggest single endow-

The town that put up the fight of its life---for its wildlife.



Man would die if it weren't for the lifeline that ties him into nature's cycle with the plants, animals and tracts of unspoiled land that support it all.

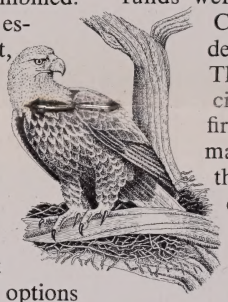
On the other hand, man is a multiplying, progressive being who needs more and more homes, buildings, roads and farms that use up the natural land.

The people around Naples, Florida, fought right through the middle of this dilemma. Their battlefield was 4,000 acres of land and water at Rookery Bay. This is a prolific breeding ground for the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, where sport and commercial fishermen get more fin and shell fish than are caught on our West Coast, Alaska and Hawaii combined.

Suddenly the area was a real estate target. The word got out, the alarm went up, and the citizenry put up the battle that saved the birds, fish and other wildlife. It also proved that America's real power grows from grass roots.

There were Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. Norris, who got things going by working out options on the land. There was Charles J. Draper, who pulled the effort together into a businesslike organization. George Vega, an attorney, got his neighbors to sign a 50-foot long petition to the County Commission.

A biologist named Joel Kuperberg enlisted willing help from state and private scientists. Nelson J. Sanford, a prodigious fund raiser, outdid himself for the cause.



Many more people and many organizations joined in. Only private funds were solicited. The Nature Conservancy helped with details on how to organize. The National Audubon Society helped purchase the first 1,600 acres and now maintains this tract. Soon, the sanctuary area will include all 4,000 acres, its wildlife and natural beauty undisturbed.

As a company long dedicated to conserving natural resources, Sinclair would like to send you other examples in which private citizens won similar battles. Write Sinclair Oil Corporation, Room 2210, 600 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. 10020.

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ment to the college in KSC history, according to KSC President Roman J. Zorn.

The Louis Cabot Preserve is a mile-and-a-half long peninsula lying between Nubanusit and Spoonwood Lakes in the towns of Nelson and Hancock. It was acquired by The Nature Conservancy in 1961 for $100,000.

A.I.B.S. MEETING

On August 29 The Nature Conservancy will have a luncheon for its members and friends as part of the program of the American Institute of Biological Sciences meeting August 27 to September 1 at Texas A. & M. University, College Station. For information write Edward C. Fritz, 909 Reliance Life Building, Dallas, Texas 95201, or W. A. Elkins in our national office.

INTRODUCING OUR SCAIFE ASSOCIATES

Through the generosity of the Scaife Family of Pittsburgh, The Nature Conservancy has available a grant of $48,000 for a three-year program of new project development.

This grant supports our Scaife Associates, who operate on an intermittent basis, depending upon current needs. Here they are:

ROBERT E. HANIE, Decatur, Georgia. An engineer, formerly with the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration in the Southeast, Mr. Hanie was one of our first recruits. In a brief time he has reactivated the five-county Greater Atlanta Nature Preserves System, and has spark-plugged the formation of a new and lively Georgia Conservancy.

BOOTH HEMINGWAY, Stamford, Connecticut. Former business executive associated with our Mianus Gorge project, Mr. Hemingway is negotiating gifts of properties and easements to preserve the scenic qualities of the Hudson River.

COLIN G. LENNOX, Jula, Hawaii. A retired supervisor of the Hawaii Forest Service, Mr. Lennox has been surveying the Auahi Forest on the southwest slope of the Haleakala volcano. This is an internationally famous area, extremely rich in rare plant species.

HUGH B. MONTGOMERY, Irwin, Pennsylvania. A geologist and resource specialist, Mr. Montgomery is exploring project possibilities in Appalachia and Eastern Pennsylvania. He has been making investigations of the Cambrian fossil beds of Lancaster County, the paleontological deposits of the Center County coral reef, Rainbow Rocks, and the unique exposure of folds and thrust faults in Northumberland County known as "The Whale."

URBAN C. NELSON, Juneau, Alaska. A wildlife biologist and former Assistant Regional Director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mr. Nelson is involved with four critical inholdings needed in connection with Glacier Bay National Monument.

Two Creeks — Wisconsin

NATIONAL LANDMARK PROJECTS

Five Nature Conservancy projects are among 17 sites in 10 states newly recommended as Natural Landmarks.

Still others are being considered by the Advisory Board on National Parks,

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Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments.

The designated five are:

BROWN'S LAKE BOG, OHIO—In Wayne County, 11 miles southwest of Wooster.

BUZZARDS ROOST ROCK-LYNX PRAIRIE PRESERVE, OHIO—In Adams County, 75 miles east of Cincinnati.

CLIFTON GORGE, OHIO—In Green County, 10 miles east of Springfield.

DYSART WOODS, OHIO—In Belmont County, 11 miles southwest of St. Clairsville.

IRONSIDES ISLAND, NEW YORK—On the boundary between Jefferson and St. Lawrence counties, New York, 8 miles northeast of Alexandria Bay in the St. Lawrence River.

GEORGIA IN ACTION

Judge Jack Etheridge, of Fulton Superior Court, on May the 8th signed the order that officially established the GEORGIA CONSERVANCY as a nonprofit corporation. Officers elected to serve balance of 1967 terms are:

Hon. James A. MacKay, Chairman
Mrs. Ada Toombs, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Harriet Bigelow, Secretary
Miss Virginia Harbin, Treasurer
Mrs. Charlotte Hale Smith,
Director of Public Relations.

REMINDER

With the end of the fiscal year upon us, attention is called to Page 6 of Policy Bulletin No. 1, Chapter Policy and Procedural Manual:

"Adequate reports must be made from time to time to the national office of all activities being undertaken by chapters or representatives. An Annual Report is to be made at the close of each fiscal year."

TAM DEERING MEMORIAL

Tam Deering, eminent authority in the field of public recreation, died March 25, 1967, at the age of 78.

Dr. Deering established the first Conservancy project in the state of Washington — Wildflower Acres.

The Washington Chapter has established a memorial fund in his honor. Contributions may be forwarded to: The Nature Conservancy, Tam Deering Memorial Fund, Box 216, Bellevue, Washington 98004.

SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVANCY COUP SAVES BOLINAS LAGOON WILDLIFE

What was described as a "controversial plan" for commercialization of Bolinas Lagoon in San Francisco Bay has suffered what the San Francisco *Chronicle* calls a "traumatic setback" at the hands of The Nature Conservancy.

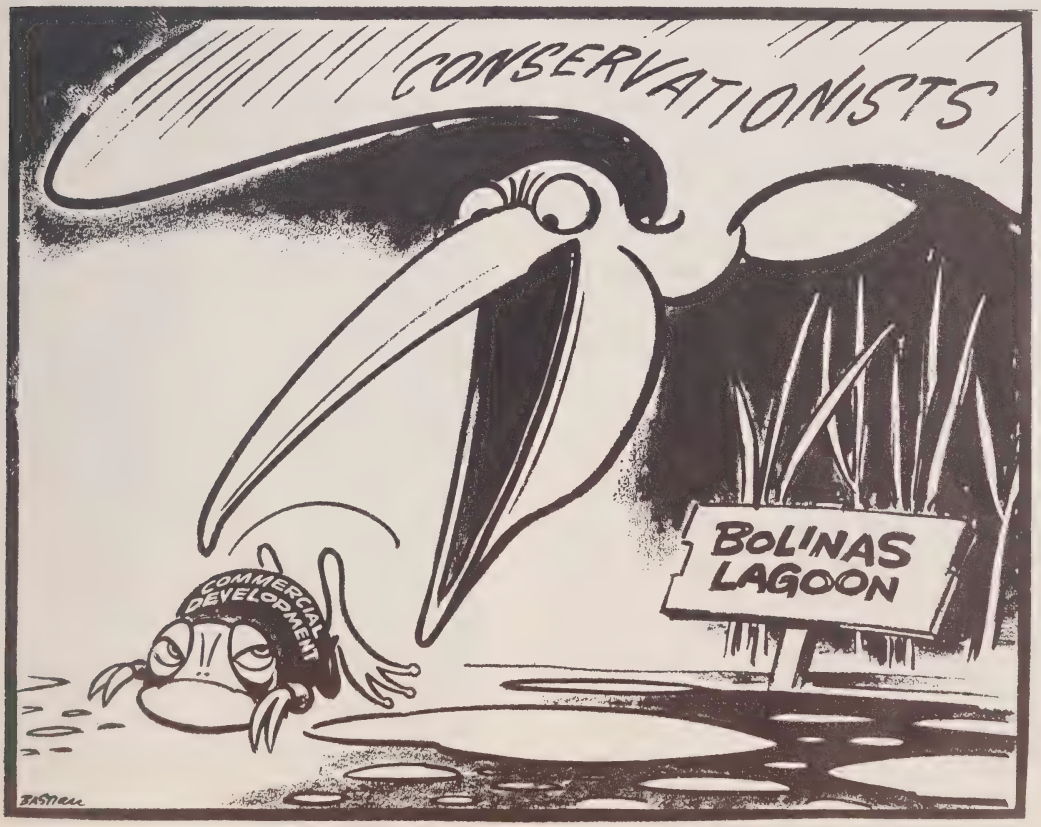
Just as the wildlife sanctuary area was about to fall to developers, Conservancy moved in with a "quietly effective" counterattack. Virtually overnight it bought Kent Island, comprising 110 acres in the southwest segment of the lagoon north of Stimson Beach, and donated it to Marin County for permanent protection as a natural area.

The purchase was made just one step ahead of condemnation by the Bolinas Harbor District, which had all plans drawn for a hotel, restaurant and 1000-boat marina.

The coup was achieved through a united effort by The Nature Conservancy, Marin Conservation League, Audubon Canyon Ranch, and numerous individuals.

The purchase for $85,000 from Mrs. Thomas T. Kent of Kentfield involved a Nature Conservancy loan and major local contributions. A fund raising committee is now soliciting tax deductible gifts through Save Kent Island Fund, The Nature Conservancy, Box 7776 Rincon Annex, San Francisco, California.

The Nature Conservancy end of the maneuver was handled by Western Regional Director Huey D. Johnson.



San Francisco Chronicle, February 16, 1967

FOREVER WILD?

"Private Approaches to the Preservation of Open Land" — by Russell L. Brenneman, The Conservation and Research Foundation, Inc., Valley Bank & Trust Co., Springfield, Mass. 1967. $10.00 soft cover; $12.50 hard cover.

Russell L. Brenneman, who does much of the legal work for the Conservancy in Connecticut, has filled an empty niche in law libraries by writing a thoroughly documented treatise on the legal aspects of private action to conserve open space and natural areas.

Mr. Brenneman chooses the trust as the surest way of controlling future land use, either through a local land conservation trust with the trustees and the members being conservation - minded citizens of the town, or by directly imposing a trust on a gift of land to a conservation agency.

The conservation easement, an increasingly popular concept, where the land owner retains ownership but grants development rights, is endorsed with reservation. Mr. Brenneman's reservation is the lack of judicial precedent in this technical field of law. A conveyance similar to the easement, the mutual covenant, a type of contract between land owners, is recommended where the area to be preserved is under many ownerships, such as the banks of a river.

—Oakes A. Plimpton

"MOMENT IN THE SUN"

Nature Conservancy's Eastern New York Chapter Chairman, Dr. Robert Rienow, in collaboration with his wife, Leona Train Rienow, has just published an outstanding report on the deteriorating quality of the American environment. "Moment in the Sun" is available at $6.00 from the Dial Press, 750 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Here is an item for item presentation of the ways in which we have ignored ecological principles and abused our environment under the pressures of a rising population and a frontier creed of exploitation.

Dr. Rienow, who is Professor of Political Science at the Graduate School of Public Affairs, State University of New York at Albany, is also a member of The Nature Conservancy's national Board of Governors.

THE POLITICS OF CONSERVATION, by Frank E. Smith, Pantheon Books, New York, 1966, 338 pages, $5.95.

"The Politics of Conservation" describes in thoroughly readable fashion the history, including Capitol Hill behind-the-scenes, of the conservation movement in the United States.

Author Frank E. Smith was a Congressman from Mississippi for 12 years and since 1962 has been a director of TVA.

Whether it is original phrase-coining or not, Smith's "Water Barrel" chapter (in lieu of pork barrel) is unique.

—W. A. Elkins

Bantam River — Connecticut

BOARD ACTIONS — CHICAGO

April 15, 1967

Employee Pension Plan. Presented by committee chairman Larrabee and approved.

Lower Shingle Mill Pond, Connecticut. In capacity as Board of The Nature Conservancy of Connecticut, Inc., approved 60-acre $30,000 acquisition for Park and Forest Commission.

Louis Cabot Preserve. Similarly approved transfer of this project to Keene State College of the University of New Hampshire.

Ethics Committee. Mr. Arnold appointed chairman.

Nominations. Chairman of the Board, Alexander B. Adams; Vice Chairman, George R. Cooley; Secretary, Elting Arnold; Treasurer, C. N. Mason; Governors, Richard H. Goodwin, Joseph J. Hickey, Ingram H. Richardson, Robert Rienow, M. Graham Netting.

Chapter Bylaw Amendments. Authority to approve delegated to President.

Big Walnut Valley, Indiana. Assistance authorized to Izaak Walton League in connection with threatened 232-acre natural area, including $50,000 loan guarantee.

Sweetwater Creek, Georgia. Project authorized as result of Scaife Associate activity, with $20,000 loan and $25,000 campaign goal.

Hudson Highlands. Authorized Conservancy joint action with others to preserve Little Stony Point and Mount Taurus area from development.

Olympic National Park, Washington. Loan of $4,500 authorized to buy 13-acre tract for resale to National Park Service.

Kipahulu Valley, Maui, Hawaii. Project authorized for 4,000-acre area adjacent to Haleakala National Park, with $550,000 campaign goal.

Attwater Prairie Chicken, Texas. At request of and by agreement with World Wildlife Fund, transfer of full responsibility for this project to World Wildlife Fund was authorized.

HARBOR HILLS GETS L.I. OK

Long Island Chapter trustees, on April 9, voted to accept the offer of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Lea to give to The Nature Conservancy four acres of their property in the village of Lake Success, to be known as Harbor Hills Sanctuary.

The tract is of geological significance because of its location within the Harbor Hills moraine. It is considered ideally suited for the propagation and growth of many native Long Island wild flowers, ferns, shrubs and trees.

The project committee consists of Samuel Yeaton, chairman; Orville Dunning, William Larrabee, Newton Millham, James Ross and Gordon Smith. Other new committees are:

Property Acquisition Committee: John Ricks, chairman, Richard Adelson, Wesley Lanyon, Newton Millham, James Ross, Gordon Smith.

Project Management Committees (Howard Terry, chairman):

(1) Committee for the Establishment and Operation of Local Project Committees: Gordon Smith, chairman, Mrs. Gordon Smith.

(2) Committee for Preservation and Care of Properties: Howard Terry, chairman, Donald Excels.

(3) Committee for Utilization of Properties: Wesley Lanyon, chairman, James Barton.

Technical Advisory Committee: Wesley Lanyon, chairman, James Barton, Charles Banks Belt, Jack McCormick, Robert Cushman Murphy.

Finance Committee: Elmo Brown, chairman, Mrs. William H. Gregory, William Larrabee, Newton Millham, James Ross.

Membership Committee: Samuel Yeaton, chairman, Mrs. M. P. Lamoureux.

Publications Committee: Samuel Yeaton, chairman, Mrs. M. P. Lamoureux.

Publicity and Public Relations Committee: Richard Adelson, chairman, Mrs. William P. Carl, Mrs. William H. Gregory, James Ross, Mrs. James de Tomasi.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE

The Rawson Family donated 100 acres in January and 47 more in April at the Kitsap Peninsula near Seattle.

In Oregon, a most interesting project is the move to preserve "Patterned Grasslands." A generous donation by the two Lawrence brothers was the stimulus; there are problems in finding the right area for sale. Both public domain and private land will be considered, or a combination.

In Hawaii the need for natural areas and the motivation for preservation appear to coincide. Look for increased Conservancy activity in the 50th State.

The San Francisco office, staffed by Huey D. Johnson, Terry A. Blunt and Norma Grossenbacher, functions in the thirteen western states. From California Street the office has been moved to the 11th floor of the Matson Building at 215 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105 (Rooms 1115-1118.)

MIDWESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE

In Wisconsin, the chapter is concluding purchase of the Toft tract, over three miles of beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline in the Door County Peninsula.

Dr. Hugh Iltis, Wisconsin Chapter Trustee and a scientist-naturalist at the University of Wisconsin, has been attracting attention with his impressive speech-theme: the biological need that man has for ties with nature.

Wisconsin is observing its Conservation Centennial marking 100 years of natural resource concern. Along with a great many other organizations, the Wisconsin Chapter of The Nature Conservancy sponsored a centennial symposium, The Quest for Quality in Wisconsin, at Madison on May 6th. TNC's President Foster and Paul Olson were prominent participants in the program.

In Indiana The Nature Preserves bill has become law. This creates a State Board and a State System of Nature Preserves.

The National Park Service has completed a study of natural areas in the Wabash Valley (this includes part of Illinois). Dr. Rey Carlson, the author, has invited TNC to review the report for areas which we might assist to preserve.

The Chicago office at 1900 Dempster Street, Evanston, Illinois 60204 is staffed by John W. Humke and Catherine Windsor. It covers twelve midwest states.

AWARD FOR MAINE

The Maine Chapter of The Nature Conservancy has been honored with the 1967 Conservation Organization Award of the Natural Resources Council of Maine, given in cooperation with the National Wildlife Federation and the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

The award for "outstanding contributions to the wise use and management of the nation's natural resources," was presented to chapter chairman Charles P. Bradford by Governor Kenneth Curtis.

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